Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The Assistant Engineer himself did it and recommended?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Publication of Chintamani Readers.

125. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the contract entered into between the Malayalam Improvement Committee and Mr. Thomas Paul regarding the publication of Chintamani Readers?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to part (p) of question No. 337 of the legislative session of 1102.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer is vide answer to (p) of question 337 of the legislative session of 1102. The answer given to that question is that, 'in the opinion of the Government no public interest is to be served by the publication of the agreement.' May I know what were the terms of the agreement?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That cannot be disclosed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Even the terms cannot be disclosed?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Importation of arrack from Travancore.

126. Mr. K.T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any quantity of arrack has been purchased or imported from Travancore in 1104 and 1105; and if so,

(b) what quantity was purchased, and what quantity was asked for by the Excise Commissioner?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—(a) 1096·0 proof gallons were imported from Travancore during the year 1105. No arrack was imported in 1104.

(b) No arrack was purchased. It was only imported. No quantity was asked for by the Excise Superintendent but the import was made by the arrack supply contractor who applied permission tc do so for 3000 proof gallons. Sanction was given only in respect of one consignment of the advised quantity of of 1126 proof gallons which on verification was found to be actual y only 1096 proof gallons.

Grant of house-sites to Depressed Classes.

127. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Protector of the Depressed Classes has received a petition dated 8th Mithunam 1105 from some of the Depressed Classes in Porkulam Village, Talappalli Taluk;

(b) what is the request contained therein;

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